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SUBJ: HORN CONFLICT AND MOMBASA BUNKERING

1. IN LIGHT MIDEASTFOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION RUBY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER PROJECTED US NAVAL VESSEL MOVEMENTS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND RED SEA, I FEEL I SHOULD POINT OUT RELEVANCE OF KENYA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA TO US NAVAL PRESENCE.

2. I BELIEVE IT HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT IF KENYANS PERCEIVE ACTIONS OF US VESSELS AS BEING IN SUPPORT OF SOMALIA OR IN OPPOSITION TO ETHIOPIAN CONDUCT OF WAR, US WARSHIPS WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO MOMBASA PORT, THE ONLY PORT FREELY AVAILABLE TO US FOR BUNKERING AND REPAIR PURPOSES ON THE AFRICAN EASTERN LITTORAL.

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